



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

End of Term Report



Friend,

It has been an honor serving the Hudson Valley in the 114th Congress. Over the past two years, I have continued working across the aisle and through Washington gridlock to get things done for my neighbors.

I believe folks in Congress should be transparent and accountable – that’s why I’ve compiled this comprehensive end-of-term report, which includes everything I’ve gotten done during the past four years.

I’m proud that I’ve worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass a total of 25 pieces of legislation into law. These bills combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, make our communities safer, and ensure our veterans get the benefits they worked hard to earn.

But, the most important work I do is at home in the Hudson Valley. I’m proud that my office has cut through bureaucratic red tape to return millions of dollars in earned benefits to over 3,800 hard-working taxpayers, seniors, and veterans.

There’s still a lot left to do. I look forward to continuing my service in the 115th Congress and I hope to continue hearing your ideas for how to bring America together to build a safer, stronger, and more prosperous nation for all of us.

If I can be of service, or if you have questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to my office.

It has been my honor to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Maloney", is positioned above the typed name.

Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress



In First Two Terms, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney Continues Getting Things Done for the Hudson Valley

Getting Things Done for Hudson Valley Neighbors and Businesses:

- **Nearly \$6.3 million** returned to taxpayers who were owed Social Security checks, and tax refunds, including over \$3 million in veterans benefits
- **Over 3,800 individuals assisted** with cases involving Social Security, Medicare, IRS, and the Veterans Administration, including 800 veterans
- **Hosted nearly 60 “Speak with Sean”** in-person town halls and neighborhood office hours
- **Secured nearly 150 service medals** including 1 Congressional Gold Medal, 1 Legion of Merit, 4 Bronze Stars, and 3 Purple Hearts
- **Held 30 telephone and online town halls**
- **Hosted dozens of events**, including over two dozen veterans’ medal ceremonies and jobs & resource fairs, over a dozen small and local business tours, Congressional Field Hearing on immigration reform, children’s safety workshop, law enforcement resources forum, EPA Superfund tour with Judith Enck, 2 anti-bullying summits, human trafficking workshop, and many more

Getting Things Done Despite Washington Gridlock

- Introduced and passed **35 pieces of legislation** in the House of Representatives, including **25 signed into law**
- Introduced over **70 pieces of legislation** and amendments and cosponsored over 600 bills
- Cast nearly **2,500 votes** with a **98% vote attendance** record



Securing Key Investments for the Hudson Valley

Rep. Maloney has worked closely with local and state officials to secure key federal investments. These bipartisan partnerships have helped deliver much-needed investments to grow our economy, create jobs, fight crime and combat the heroin and opioid epidemic.

Rep. Maloney has successfully fought for nearly **\$100 million in federal investments**, some highlights include:

- \$2,959,482 for new equipment, staff, & a fire boat for the Newburgh Fire Department
- \$82,620,000 to rehabilitate the I-87 Interchange at Exit 131
- \$12,000,000 to repave Interstate 684 between exit(s) 4-8
- \$14,477,561 for runway rehabilitation and safety improvements at Stewart Airport
- \$12,000,000 for clean water for 325 homes in Hopewell Junction
- \$200,000 for Village of Wappingers Falls for Superfund planning
- \$4,817,666 for Hudson River Housing and WestCOP to combat veteran homelessness
- \$1,900,000 for railroad grade crossing safety improvements
- \$1,500,000 for local & regional assistance/crime prevention for Orange County
- \$649,835 for City of Poughkeepsie Police Department to hire seven new police officers and new safety equipment
- \$1,875,000 to combat drug abuse in Putnam and Westchester counties



Since January 2013, Rep. Maloney Has Authored and Passed 35 Pieces of Legislation Through the House, 25 of Which Have Become Law

- **The Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act, included in the VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2013.** Signed into law in December 2013, the bill enables the VA to use contract physicians to conduct medical disability exams in order to help alleviate the current backlog at the VA.
- **The Dam Safety Act, included in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.** Signed into law in June 2014, the bill reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program and provides infrastructure investment funds for states to use in conducting dam inspections, purchasing equipment, and developing Emergency Action Plans.
- **The Creating Reliability for Our Producers (CROP) Act, included in the Farm Bill.** The best ever Farm Bill for the Hudson Valley includes Rep. Maloney's bipartisan, budget neutral CROP Act, which reforms the specialty crop insurance program by investing in the development of new and improved plans that better protect small, diversified family farms.
- **Support for Farmers in Black Dirt Region.** To address local flooding issues in important agricultural areas of Orange County, the Farm Bill, which was signed into law in February 2014, includes language secured by Rep. Maloney to require the Secretary of Agriculture to work with producers whose operations contain muck soils, like those in the Hudson Valley.



Rep. Maloney Legislation Passed into Law

- **FERC Accountability Act, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act.** Signed into law in December 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will now be accountable to ratepayers in the Hudson Valley. FERC will be required to report quarterly on actions and costs to consumers related to the new capacity zone in New York's Hudson Valley.
- **Rail Safety Enforcement Act, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act.** Signed into law in December 2014, the bill required the Federal Railroad Administration to review current implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC), which is a simple wifi and GPS technology that helps control the speed of trains.
- **Monroe Post Office.** Signed into law in December 2014, the post office in Monroe, NY will be renamed to honor a local hero, Gregg Wenzel, who lost his life in service to his country. This is the first Post Office in the nation to honor a fallen officer of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- **Critical Support for Highland Falls Schools, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).** Signed into law in December 2014, this fixes an artificial cap that prevented Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery School District from getting its full share of aid and was shortchanging the school district by approximately \$2 million a year.



Rep. Maloney Legislation Passed into Law

- **Military Construction Investment for Army Reserve Center and Barracks at West Point.** As part of both the 2014 and 2015 Appropriations Acts, this bill invests \$100 million in construction of new cadet barracks at West Point and builds a new training center for the Army Reserve in Bullville, NY.
- **The Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act, included in the VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2015.** Signed into law again in September 2015, the bill enables the VA to use contract physicians to conduct medical disability exams in order to help alleviate the current backlog at the VA.
- **The Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2015.** Signed into law in May 2015, the bill expands minimum training procedures for high ranking Foreign Service Officers and government personnel in order to curb human trafficking at its source and take action before people are trafficked across international borders into the United States.
- **The Safe Bridges Investment Act of 2015.** Signed into law in December 2015, the bill provides counties and municipalities with the funds they desperately need to fix their aging and deficient bridges by opening up billions of dollars in federal highway funds for New York.
- **The Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Act of 2015.** Signed into law in December 2015, the bill reauthorizes the Railway-Highways Crossing Program which helps states and communities make safety upgrades at dangerous highway-rail grade crossings.



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- **The Passenger Train Derailment Prevention Act of 2015.** Signed into law in December 2015, the bill requires passenger railroads and freight lines on which passenger rail travels to identify high-hazard curves, like those involved in the Spuyten Duyvil and Philadelphia train derailments, and take actions to enhance safety through modification of existing ATC or other signal systems, increasing crew size, installing signage at those locations, installing of alerters in cabs, and increasing crew communication.
- **The Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act.** Signed into law in December 2015, the bill will help to lower the unacceptably high unemployment rate of combat disabled veterans by reforming the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. The bill is supported by the American Legion, the VFW, the IAVA, VetsFirst, Paralyzed Veterans of America and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).
- **Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015.** Signed into law in December 2015, the bill modernizes and improves coordination between the government and private sector by creating an office within the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to serve as a one-stop shop to assist states and municipalities in utilizing public-private partnerships (P3s) to improve and invest in their critical infrastructure at a lower cost to the taxpayer.
- **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).** Signed into law in December 2014, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, key to regional tourism, will continue operating and can continue to access matching federal funding for projects in the area.



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- **Critical Support for Highland Falls Schools.** Passed into law as part of the 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act, the bill included \$3.5 billion in educational support.
- **\$58 Million for Barracks at West Point.** Signed into law in 2014, this legislation includes the third and final installment for construction of new barracks, which began construction in November 2013. The provision was ultimately included in the year end Omnibus appropriations bill.
- **Air Traffic Controller Hiring Improvement Act.** Included as a part of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act and signed into law in July of 2016, the Air Traffic Controller Act would improve the hiring and staffing of air traffic controllers at the FAA.
- **Disabled Veterans Student Loan Protection Act.** Included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act Conference Report, the Disabled Veterans Student Loan Protection Act would increase interagency communication to reduce the burden placed on veterans to ensure federal student loans are discharged, a benefit already entitled to veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability.
- **Opioid Review Modernization Act.** Passed in May 2016, the bill helps address the current opioid abuse crisis by incentivizing the inclusion of anti-abuse properties in new medicines and strengthens education for prescribing physicians.
- **The Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act.** Included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act Conference Report and signed into law in September 2016, the bill extends a mandate, previously signed into law, that the VA report to Congress its capacity for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans.



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- **The Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act.** Signed into law in December of 2016 as a part of the Water Infrastructure Investment for the Nation Act, the bill creates a \$445 million grant program which will provide federal assistance to states to allow them to make critical safety upgrades and repairs to high-hazard dams that fail to meet minimum safety standards. New York State has the 8th most high hazard dams in the country totaling 403, with nearly 100 of those dams in the Hudson Valley.
- **Tick-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015.** Signed into law in December 2016 as part of the updated 21st Century Cures Act, the bill creates an interagency working group, that includes doctors and patient advocates, that is tasked with coordinating the government's efforts against tick-borne illness. Bill also requires the Sec of HHS to meet with that group and give a report to Congress within 3 years of passage on government actions to combat tick-borne illnesses



Twelve Additional Bills, Provisions, and Amendments Authored by Rep. Maloney Have Passed the House:

- **Blocking the New Hudson Valley Capacity Zone.** In July 2014, the House overwhelmingly passed Rep. Maloney's unprecedented legislation to prohibit funds from being used to enforce the Hudson Valley's new capacity zone.
- **Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act (amendment).** Passed in the House as an amendment in September of 2016, the bill enables the VA to use contract physicians to conduct medical disability exams in order to help alleviate the current backlog at the VA.
- **GAO report for CFTC Reauthorization.** Passed in the House in 2015, this important amendment ensures regulators have the funding that they need to safeguard the viability of the American financial system and hold bad actors accountable.
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- **Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2014.** Passed in July 2014, this legislation would expand new minimum training procedures for high ranking Foreign Service Officers and government personnel in order to curb human trafficking at its source before people are trafficked across international borders into the US.
- **Motion on Dam Safety Funding.** In addition to the Dam Safety Act, the House passed a motion by Rep. Maloney to provide higher funding levels to improve safety around our country's dams.
- **Protecting Veterans from Predatory Debt Collectors.** Included in the FY 2017 NDAA passed in May 2016, the provision protects active duty service members from harsh debt collection techniques.
- **Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Act.** Following a horrific Metro-North accident in Valhalla, NY, Maloney introduced this bill, to help improve safety at grade crossings. The bill was included as a part of the House-passed Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act and would reauthorize the Rail Line Relocation & Improvement Capital Grant Program (RLR) at \$300 million a year for four years.
- **The Commuter Rail Passenger Safety Act.** Passed through the House in March 2015, the bill would make all positive train control installations "priority projects" as part of the \$35 billion Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) Program that currently provides loans and loan guarantees to railroads. Following passage, RRIF announced a billion dollar loan for Positive Train Control in New York commuter rail lines.
- **The Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act.** Passed the House as part of larger HR 3016 in February 2016.